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Sir:

In response to the Office action dated November 4, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-identified application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

In the Claims:

A clean set of all pending claims is attached as Appendix A. Please add the following new claims:

25. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the implant coupling portion is received in the recess from the second end of the implant.

26. (New) The device of claim 1, wherein the graft holding portion comprises a cage having at least two separate members.

27. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the cage has a first member and a second member, the first and second members being configured and dimensioned to mate.

28. (New) The device of claim 27, wherein the first member and the second member snap together.

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